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**BellSouth Major
Client Association**

August 11, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am the president of the South Carolina Major Client Association. Our membership consists of the businesses and organizations in the state that are the major users of telecommunications goods and services. In light of my responsibilities with our association, I feel it is important for our voice to be heard concerning the South Carolina Public Service Commission's recent approval of BellSouth's entry into the long distance arena.

Provision of long distance service by BellSouth in our state will increase competition. More competition will result in better prices, better service, and more telecommunications choices for customers.

BellSouth's application to provide long distance service to business and residential customers in South Carolina is now under review by your commission. I am writing in support of BellSouth's application. I urge you to concur with our Public Service Commission and approve the application as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

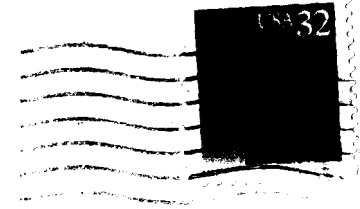
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August 15, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

It is my understanding that the Federal Communications Commission has been asked to approve an initiative by BellSouth to enter into the long-distance market here in the state of South Carolina. I would like to strongly support this initiative and ask you to support BellSouth's application to encourage a more competitive environment in the state at the earliest possible date.

As an educator, I have a strong interest in encouraging a competitive environment to create the best rates possible for telecommunications services. At Newberry we are building an "Electronic Village" in cooperation with the local schools, business community and citizens. We are also embarked on a project to provide websites for nearly six hundred congregations of our supporting Lutheran Church. We have a clear sense of the importance of low cost telecommunications services.

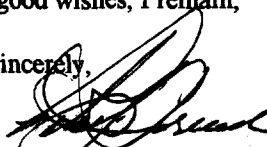
Permission for BellSouth to enter the long distance market creates the prospect of a full range of telecommunications services at competitive prices, particularly telephone service for internet access which is important to educational programming on the 'net'.

I know personally that BellSouth is dedicated to providing the best in educational technology. In cooperation with the national NetDay initiative, BellSouth committed two million dollars to assist 500 schools in South Carolina to gain access to technology and the Internet. Here in Newberry County we are providing training for teachers to insure they make the best possible use of that technology. The FCC can help create further opportunities for the citizens of South Carolina and truly invest in education by allowing BellSouth into the long distance market.

The South Carolina Public Service Commission has already debated the BellSouth initiative and found it to be in the public interest. It would be extraordinarily useful for the FCC to act with dispatch and approve BellSouth's application, ideally within the ninety days allowed. This would create the possibility of an impact within the coming school year which is just beginning.

I want to thank you for your kind attention to this letter, and look forward to hearing of a favorable outcome on behalf of the BellSouth application. Now, with all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,

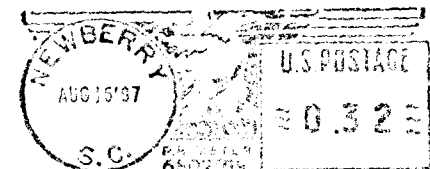


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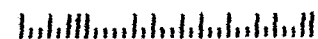
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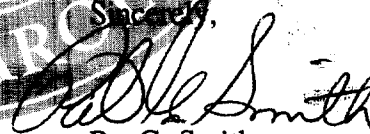
The Federal Communications Commission is reviewing Bellsouth's application to provide long distance service in South Carolina. I am writing in support of Bellsouth's application and to urge the Commission to approve it as quickly as possible.

Bellsouth's application was unanimously approved (9-0) by the South Carolina Public Service Commission. I support the South Carolina Commission's decision.

Providing long distance by Bellsouth in South Carolina will increase competition resulting in more telecommunications choices for businesses and residential customers.

In light of the findings of the South Carolina PSC, I urge you to approve Bellsouth's application as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Pat G. Smith
Mayor

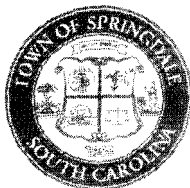
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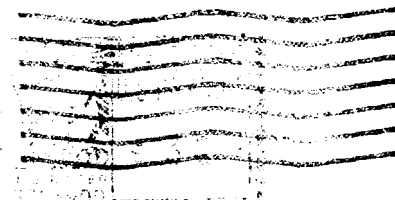
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